

## Recruit-the-recruiter

The recruit-the-recruiter team is conducting a one-hour-briefing Oct. 29 in the 492nd Fighter Squadron auditorium. Staff sergeant selects through master sergeants with less than 16 years in and who are within 13 months of their date-estimated-return-overseas are eligible. Qualified candidates will be selected on the spot. For more information call DSN 487-3511 or commercial (210) 652-3511.

## TRICARE changes

TRICARE Europe Prime enrollment for CHAMPUS-eligible retirees and their family members originally planned to start Oct. 1 has been postponed. Until a new enrollment date for CHAMPUS-eligible retirees is set, all retirees and family members will continue to be seen on a space-available basis at military medical facilities. For more information, call the TRICARE service center at (01638) 526210.

## Ceiling rises for catastrophic losses

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFNS) — The Defense Authorization Act for 1996 raised the limit on personal property claims from \$40,000 to \$100,000. Air Force legal officials at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. said the law affects everyone who has or will suffer personal property losses because of emergency evacuations and extraordinary circumstances because of their service.

The policy change affects military and civilian employees. It is retroactive for those who previously filed a claim and had their claim payment limited by a statutory maximum.

People with prior claims who seek more relief have until Feb. 10 to file a request for added relief under the new law. Requests must be in writing and include all previous documentation regarding the claim. Requests may not include items not listed on the original claim form.

The Air Force Claims Division at Bolling will decide if a request qualifies for added payment. Requests should be sent to the division at AFLSA/JACC, 112 Luke Ave., Ste

343, Bolling AFB, D.C. 20332-8000.

People who want the added relief should first check with the base legal office where they filed their original claim to make sure all documents have been forwarded to the Air Force General Claims Division.

For more information, call the General Claims Division at (202) 767-1585 or DSN 297-1585.

## Glitch deletes GI Bill collection

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Thousands of airmen and soldiers enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill have received surprising — but temporary — increases in their take-home pay.

Computer programming deleted the GI Bill collection from September's mid-month pay, boosting net earnings by \$50; however, that \$50 and the regular \$50 deduction will be collected from September end-of-month pay.

The problem arose when new software ended Montgomery GI Bill deductions one month early for 7,161 airmen and soldiers.

People affected should receive a notice in their next leave-and-earning statements explaining the pay action.

## Military charter terminal changes

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Military travelers will soon have a new gateway when traveling on chartered aircraft to and from Europe and the Middle East. An international passenger charter service gateway is opening at Baltimore-Washington International Airport in February.

The new gateway is expected to save \$2 million annually, said Air Force officials.

Military passenger service currently operates out of Philadelphia Airport. This service will end in February. Transportation officials expect nearly 160,000 passenger per year will use the Baltimore-Washington International Airport for this service.

A shift in military population as a result of base realignment and closure actions influenced this decision to help reduce travel costs by keeping commercial passenger gateways close to large military population centers.

# Liberty Warrior

'Can do' person of the week



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

## SrA. Brandon Hess 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

**Hometown:** Wynne, Arkansas

**Time in service:** Three years, seven months

**Time on station:** One year

**Role in mission:** I inspect, troubleshoot, repair and deliver fully-mission capable aerospace ground equipment to the flightline and allied shops.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, scuba diving

**Favorite movie:** Star Wars

**What advantages are there to being stationed here?** Having the opportunity to see Europe.

**What was the last book you read?** Colin Powell's autobiography, "My American Journey."

**Why did you read it?** I wanted to see the changes the Air Force went through in his career.

**What's your favorite region of the United States and why?** The south, because I like the southern atmosphere along with the hunting and fishing.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** A senior noncommissioned officer living in the southern United States with a family.

**What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath?** Improve morale by making work more enjoyable.

**Who is your role model and why?** Anyone that has ever stood behind me, encouraged me, or helped me out during my career.

**What do you like best about the Air Force?** Empowerment. Giving our airmen something to work toward will give us better supervisors and leaders.



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## National POW/MIA remembrance ceremony

The RAF Lakenheath Honor Guard posts the colors during the National POW/MIA Day remembrance ceremony held at the Wings of Liberty Memorial park here Sept. 19.